The Night of Light

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Baba and Mansoor sat on the prayer mat, the soft glow of the lamp casting gentle shadows on the wall. Outside, the moon of Ramadan shone brightly in the night sky.

Mansoor: Baba, why do we pray at night in Ramadan? We already pray five times a day.

Baba: That's a wonderful question, my dear. The special night prayer in Ramadan is called Tarawih. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, "Whoever prays during the nights of Ramadan with sincere faith and hoping for Allah's reward, all his past sins will be forgiven." (Sahih Bukhari 37)

Mansoor's eyes widened.

Mansoor: All past sins? That means Allah forgives everything?

Baba: Yes, my son. Allah is the Most Merciful. When we pray at night in Ramadan with a pure heart, seeking His pleasure and not showing off, He blesses us with His forgiveness.

Mansoor: But Baba, sometimes I feel sleepy, and my legs get tired. What if I can't pray every night?

Baba smiled and patted Mansoor's head.

Baba: Allah knows your heart, my dear. Even if you pray a little but with sincerity, He loves it. The important thing is to try our best. Imagine, each prayer at night is like planting a seed. The more we pray, the more our garden of good deeds grows!

Mansoor clapped his hands.

Mansoor: A garden of good deeds! I want my garden to be full of beautiful flowers!

Baba chuckled.

Baba: Then let's water your garden tonight with a few rak'ahs of prayer. Even if you feel tired, just remember, every effort is a step closer to Allah's love.